

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A slurry comprising:
an abrasive; and
periodic acid, wherein the pH of the slurry is between about 4 to about 8, and
wherein the periodic acid comprises a molar concentration from about 0.004M to
about 0.006 M ~~0.008 M~~.
2. (Original) The slurry of claim 1 further comprising a corrosion
inhibitor.
3. (Original) The slurry of claim 2 wherein the corrosion inhibitor comprises 1-
benzotriazole (BTA).
4. (Original) The slurry of claim 1 further comprising a buffer system
comprising an organic acid and a salt of the organic acid.
5. (Previously presented) The slurry of claim 4 wherein the organic acid is
selected from the group consisting of citric acid, acetic acid, carbonic acid, oxalic
acid and ascorbic acid.
6. (Previously presented) The slurry of claim 4 wherein the salt of the organic

acid is selected from the group consisting of potassium citrate, potassium acetate, potassium bicarbonate, potassium oxalate and potassium ascorbate.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The slurry of claim 1 wherein the abrasive is selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia and ceria.

9. (Original) The slurry of claim 1 further comprising a surfactant.

10. (Previously presented) The slurry of claim 9 wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of cetyl trimethyl ammonium hydroxide (CTAOH).

Claims 11-35 (Canceled).